

GOETHAL'S PLEA NOT YET GRANTED

Question of Sending Submarines to Panama Is Still Being Discussed.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—More information is being awaited before President Wilson decides whether the request of Gov. Goethals for destroyers to enforce neutrality at Panama shall be granted. Suggestions of Secretary Daniels and Bryan over the question were met by President Wilson with the statement that there could be no real difference since he would finally decide.

The president discussed the situation with the cabinet officials and general staff, considering measures for protecting the neutrality of the canal.

Won't Deny Request. Officials described an abrupt report that Col. Goethals' request would be denied. They declared action was being delayed only pending a fuller discussion of the needs of the situation. There has been some doubt in the minds of officials as to just what sort of a patrol would be necessary.

To Ride Hard on Collars. If belligerent ships are using wireless within the three mile limit administered by officials, a warning would be adequate. Delays in passing through the canal, they think, Col. Goethals already is prepared to handle. As no question of clearance papers arises at the canal, officials here do not see of what use destroyers can be unless for dispatch purposes. If they are sent, they probably will be given the mission of keeping the water clear of ships from lingering within the three mile limit.

CUMBER SWITCHBACK TO OPEN ON ANNIVERSARY OF DISASTER

The first train over the switchback that is being built to cross the wrecked Cumbre tunnel will be run at 6:30 p. m. on February 4. So anxious are the contractors to operate the first train at this hour and date that a large number of laborers have been secured from Torreon to assist in the construction work.

February 4 will be the first anniversary of the Cumbre tunnel disaster, which claimed 50 lives. When the work of building the switchback was first undertaken it was believed that the line would be completed by the end of the year.

Delays occurred, however, and then the contractors set the anniversary date for the opening. Men and machines are being worked to the maximum to have the last rail and tie in place by the morning of February 4, and a train ready to run over the divide in the evening.

Even should the line be completed earlier than February 4, the official opening train will not be sent over the divide until the same hour, one year later, that the ill fated south-bound train entered the burning tunnel.

HOW TO PREVENT ACID STOMACHS AND FOOD FERMENTATION

By a Stomach Specialist. As a specialist who has spent many years in the study and treatment of stomach troubles, I have been forced to the conclusion that most people who complain of stomach trouble possess stomachs that are absolutely healthy and normal. The real trouble, that which causes all the pain and difficulty, is excessive acid in the stomach, aggravated by food fermentation. Excessive acid irritates the delicate lining of the stomach and food fermentation causes wind which distends the stomach, produces flatulence, that full bloated feeling. Thus both acid and fermentation interfere with and retard the process of digestion. The stomach is usually healthy and normal, but irritated almost past endurance by these foreign elements—acid and wind. In all such cases—and they comprise over 90 per cent. of all stomach difficulties—the first and only step necessary is to neutralize the acid and stop the fermentation by taking in a little warm or cold water after eating, from one to two teaspoonfuls of bisulphate of magnesia, which is doubtless the best and only really effective antacid and food corrective. Known as the acid will be neutralized and the fermentation stopped almost instantly, and your stomach will at once proceed to digest the food in a healthy, normal manner. Be sure to ask your druggist for the bisulphate of magnesia, as I have found other forms utterly lacking in its peculiarly valuable properties.—F. J. G.—Advertisement.

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HOSPITAL FEES INVESTIGATED

County Commissioners Make Inquiry Into Conduct of Institution.

Monday afternoon the county commissioners' court made an inquiry into county poor farm and county hospital affairs. It was started by the appearance before the board of Mrs. Mary Reeder, an inmate of the hospital for two weeks last summer, who complained of lack of treatment and of having been asked by Dr. Hugh White, county health officer, for operating fees and his fee for operation of \$25. She stated that she remained two weeks and upon coming out of the hospital stated that she could not collect some insurance because of some error in the making out of the papers by Dr. White. She was therefore unable to pay the full amount of her indebtedness. Later she stated that she had paid \$14 which she supposed had gone to the hospital, but found later that she had not been credited with this amount.

Dr. White, on the stand, stated that Mrs. Reeder called him as a private physician. He asked her if she was financially able to go to a private hospital. She stated that she was not, and he then recommended the county hospital, advising her that she would have to pay \$1 to the hospital and a fee of \$25 for operation. Since she has been discharged, he has billed her for the operation fee, he stated, believing that she was financially able to meet the obligation.

Dr. White Explains. Dr. White pointed out that, while the services of the hospital and health officer are free to paupers, there are some patients who do not care to be classed as paupers and these are charged at the rate of \$1 per day for use of the hospital and the health officer's fee. He stated that other physicians have, at times, treated patients at the county hospital and collected fees.

It was ordered that the application of Josephine Crosby for a correction of the record in the Ascarate grant be granted.

A resolution was adopted ordering the tax assessor and collector to correct the assessment of 26 K. H. Hildreth on lots 17 to 21 inclusive, in block 22, Grand View, for the year 1914.

Interpreters Named. A resolution making Cecilio Cadena official interpreter for the district court at a salary of \$75 per month, and Abe Alderete official interpreter for the county court and county commissioners' court at a salary of \$60 per month was passed.

Acting upon the petition of the county assessor and collector, presented at a previous meeting, the court ordered that an excess be allowed of \$200 per month for one year for clerical work, to be deducted from the amount due the assessor and collector on completion of the tax rolls for 1915.

After authorizing the payment of a number of bills the court adjourned to Tuesday morning.

Road Appropriations Authorized. An appropriation was authorized for work on the following roads: Joe Gordon road, \$150; Milligan road, \$150; Yarbrough road, \$150; Boque Bonito road, \$100; Hot Springs road, \$500; Quitman canyon road, \$200; Lanier road, \$150. On motion of commissioner Ordorff, sheriff P. J. Edwards was authorized to appoint David White and W. A. Johnson deputy sheriffs to guard road camps from rowdies.

Give Sunshine Association \$25. An appropriation of \$25 was made in favor of the Sunshine Charity association for Christmas relief work. The request of R. and N. P. Escobar for the exemption from 1914 taxes on property in the Martinez and Magoffin Homestead addition was referred to the county auditor.

Turney & Burgess Warrants. W. S. Jones, an auditor working on the books of the county, summoned before the board, advised finding two county warrants, each for \$500, payable to Turney & Burgess. The warrants were dated July 6, one payable on eight and the other six months from date. The deferred payment warrant, Mr. Jones said, showed that it had been paid on October 21, when it was not due until January 5, 1915.

E. G. Jones, against whom complaint was made Monday morning by petition signed by 50 citizens of Socorro alleging that he had fenced in public road connecting the macadamized road with the Socorro road to Helen station, appeared before the board. He said the road had gradually been pushed over to his property. He asked that the road be permitted to remain closed and the matter was referred to commissioner Ordorff for investigation.

The report of L. G. Gaal, superintendent of the county poor farm and hospital, was received and filed. It showed a total of 72 cases now in these institutions. The average cost of keep of individual cases, during the month of November, was 73 1-2 cents per day, he said.

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FOR THE CAUSE OF DEGRADED INDIANS

"Russian Night" With Folk Dances, Folk Songs, and Pictures.

Everybody knows in a vague sort of way where and what Russia is, but beyond the bare fact that it is an empire reaching from the Baltic sea on the west to the Pacific ocean on the east, and that it is ruled by the czar, little is really known by western peoples of its form of government, its customs, its extent or of the career of tribes which pay homage to the czar who sits enthroned in regal splendor in Petrograd, on the banks of the Neva, on the westernmost boundary of the great empire over which he rules.

Mr. C. C. Young, of El Paso, himself a "Little Russian," whose Russian name is Kirill Christoforoff, has just returned from a 14 month tour of Asiatic Russia, where he went in search of Karakul sheep with which to stock his ranch at Belem. He brought with him hundreds of views, probably the first ever to be brought to America, illustrative of the mode of life of the dwellers in Turkestan, Trans Caspian provinces, Siberia and other parts of Russia in Asia. He brought, also, many of the costumes worn by the natives of these provinces and a beautiful supply of the written music, the folk songs and dances of both Russia in Europe and Russia in Asia.

Illustrated Lecture. Dr. Young will deliver a lecture on Russia as it is today at the El Paso theater, Tuesday evening, December 23, the proceeds to go intact to the fund now being raised for the benefit of the starving women and children of Belgium. He will use his great store of views, costumes, rugs, etc., with which to illustrate his talk making the lecture entertaining from a scenic as well as from an educational point of view.

Dr. Young is an authority on Russian affairs and is under a five year contract with the National Chautauqua Managers' association to deliver his new lecture "Russia of Today," all over the country during the coming Chautauqua season. By permission of the association, Dr. Young will give the first lecture in El Paso for the benefit of the Belgian relief fund.

The Vodka Question. As has been heretofore said and wide, Russia has forbidden the sale or consumption of intoxicants throughout the length and breadth of her vast domain. It is the first attempt on the part of any government on earth to enforce nationwide prohibition and the whole world is watching the experiment. Dr. Young will tell of the effects of this "drastic" order of the czar upon the people. He will tell those who are so fortunate as to hear the story that stoppage by imperial decree of the consumption of intoxicants has settled many questions which have worried the rulers of the mighty Muscovite empire in the past. For one thing, it has settled the ever vexing Jewish question by making it possible for the Russians, whether of the ruling or the peasant classes, to keep their heads clear and be in position to compete with the Jews in their chosen walks of life. While the Russian government has lost the vast revenue formerly derived from the sale of intoxicants, it has gradually been compensated by the increased efficiency of the great mass of the people, by the increase of deposits in the savings banks of the country and by the saving of the costs of the apprehension and prosecution of petty criminals. As an experiment on a magnificent scale, the czar's experiment with the drink question as it affects Russia, will be well worth watching and Dr. Young's explanation and analysis will be well worth listening to.

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Children of Indians in Oklahoma Richest Average Children in Country.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The advance copies of the report of the Bureau of Indian Affairs covering the period from July 1, 1913, to June 30, 1914, were today distributed to the press. This covers practically the first year of incumbency of commissioner Cato Sells.

He says that he found the Indian Service disorganized and discouraged, and that he has endeavored to place it on a sound economic and efficient business basis.

Concerning Indian education, he says that the year had been especially marked by the large increase in the number of Indian pupils enrolled in the public schools throughout the country, which has been encouraged because it affords training of the greatest value and furnishes an opportunity to begin the cooperation of the government with the state in the education of the Indian. Special stress is laid on the necessity for the vocational training of Indian pupils.

Indians Die of Tuberculosis. With regard to health conditions, the commissioner calls attention to the fact that at the close of the fiscal year 1913 there were fifty hospitals with a combined capacity of 1400 patients, and 28 hospitals and convalescent construction, to care for a population of 300,000 with a high percentage of tuberculosis and trachoma. Out of 151,000 Indian reservations, there were examined last year 61,301, and it was learned that tuberculosis was present in 8000 cases and trachoma in 25,000. It is estimated that there are 25,000 suffering with tuberculosis and 35,000 afflicted with trachoma.

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PONCE RESCUED FROM TENNESSEANS; RELEASED

An alleged plan to hurry Lino Ponce out of the state and away from the Texas courts by Tennessee agents was frustrated early Monday morning when chief deputy sheriff Stanley Good caught the parties at Sierra Blanca. Ponce, who was alleged to be wanted at Memphis, Tenn., on a charge of larceny and false pretenses, was released Monday afternoon under a writ of habeas corpus by Judge P. R. Price in the first district court.

Ponce was arrested some two weeks ago on information from Tennessee. He applied for a writ of habeas corpus and was released. Saturday afternoon he was again taken into custody by deputy sheriffs Stanley Good, Jr. and James Fulghum, who turned him over to the agents of Tennessee on warrants issued by the governor of that state. He was placed in an automobile and rushed down the valley.

The attorneys of Ponce, informed of their client's arrest, made application to Judge P. R. Price for a writ of habeas corpus, and the sheriff's office was ordered to overtake the Tennessee officers. Deputy sheriff Good located them on a passenger train at Sierra Blanca. While he was on the train, he started and he was carried to Hot Wells station. At this point he disappeared with his prisoner, returning to El Paso in time to give Ponce a hearing during the afternoon. His release for the second time on habeas corpus proceedings was ordered.

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